

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

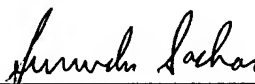
The present application is a divisional of copending parent U.S. application serial no. 09/986,007. In the parent application an election of species requirement was set forth and claims 8-29 were withdrawn from consideration as directed to non-elected species, and were subsequently canceled. The present new divisional application is submitted to further prosecute those claims 8-29 that were withdrawn and subsequently canceled in the parent of the present application. Thus, by the present preliminary amendment claims 1-7 are canceled and claims 8, 13, and 14 are rewritten in independent form.

Further, the specification is amended by the present response to correct minor informalities, as in the parent of the present application, and to reflect the status of the present divisional application.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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